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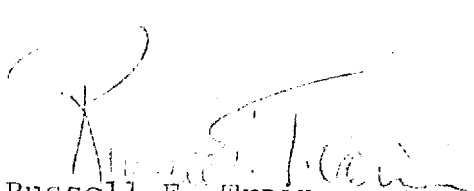
MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF AGENCIES

RE: Update/Revision of Council on Environmental Quality
Guidelines on Environmental Impact Statements

Attached is a proposed update/revision of the CEQ Guidelines on Environmental Impact Statements (36 Federal Register 7724, April 23, 1971) which will be published soon for a 45-day public comment period. A section-by-section explanation is also enclosed. The changes respond to

- previous Federal agency recommendations with respect to the Council's Guidelines and agency responses to the recommendations made in our memorandum of May 16, 1972
- important court decisions on the basic legislation since issuance of our April 1971 Guidelines
- our own experience and the recommendations made by GAO and outside groups on the need for more detailed guidance as to when impact statements should be prepared and what they should contain.

In many cases we have already received full agency comment. If your agency wishes to make further comment prior to publication of the proposed update/revision, such comment must be received by us no later than Friday, March 16.


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